

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
USSN 10/050,109
Attorney Docket Q68049
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REMARKS

The specification has been amended on the first page to correct spelling errors.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to improve the claim language. Claim 9 was objected to as being an improper claim in view of the reference to the International Publication. Claim 9 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to provide support for the claim. Claims 1-8 inclusive were allowed and claim 9 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 9 has been canceled and new Claims 10-20 inclusive have been substituted therefore. Claim 10 is of substantially the same scope of original Claim 9 but the claim contains the limitations of Claim 1 of the WO publication in lieu of simply referring to the publication. Likewise, Claims 11-20 inclusive which are dependent directly or indirectly from Claim 10 contain the limitations of Claims 2-11 of the WO publication. Finally, in order to provide support in the specification for the process limitations of Claims 10-20, the specification has been amended to substantially include all of the subject matter of Claims 1-11 of the WO publication.


In view of the foregoing amendments it is submitted that Claims 1-8 and 10-20 inclusive are now in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that these claims be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

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If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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